

The Bulletin.

THE CHINESE GAMBLER.

What I wish to remark—
And my language is plain—
That for tricks there are many.
The heathen Chinese is popular,
Which the name I would rise to explain.

All Sin was his name;
And I shall not deny
In regard to the Chinese,
That he was a man who might imply,
But he was not it was perverse and child-like.

As I frequent remark to Bill Sin.

It was August the third,
And I quite soft was the skin—
When I thought he inferred
That he was a man who was wise,
Yet he played me upon William.

And me in a way despise

With the smile that was child-like and bland.

But the case there were stocked
In a way that grieves,

And my feel now were shocked;

At the Nye's sleeve,

Which was scented full of roses and roses,
And the same with intent to deceive.

But the hands that were played
By the heathen Chinese,

And the point of the blade—

Were quite fearful to see—

Till at last he put down a right bower,

Which the same Nye had dealt unto me.

Then I looked up at Nye,
And he gazed upon me—

And he rose with a sign—

And he said—“I am a man—

With the smile that was child-like and bland.

In the scene that ensued,
I did not take a hand—

But the floor it was strewn—

Like the leaves on the strand—

With the cards that Ah Sin had been holding,

In the game “He did not understand.”

In his sleeves were long,
He had twenty-four packs—

Whose value was strong—

Yet I state here—

And we found on his sleeve, which were taper,
What is frequent in tapers—that's wax.

Which is why I wrote—

And my language is plain—

That for tricks there are many.

The heathen Chinese is popular,
Which the name I would rise to explain.

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THE GERMAN RACE.

The Territories that it Occupies.—Its Numbers—Interesting Facts.—God Has His Champions Ready for the Appointed Hour.

(From the New York Herald.)

The ger-men, or spears-men, (as the old Teutonic wordsmen in the same may be interpreted), now knowns the people of Germany—or, in other terms, the Germans—are a mighty race. We shall not attempt any detailed narrative of the wanderings by which, in the long succession of ages, many tribes migrated from Western Asia into Eastern Europe, and, sweeping over the wide steppes of Russia and the plains of Finland, at length poured down through Scandinavia and, crossing the narrow straits and inlets which divide Sweden and Zealand from what is now the German mainland, peopled the central region of the old continent with innumerable Teutonic tribes, the ancestors of modern Germans.

The Danish archipelago, the island of Rugen, Pomerania, Mecklenburg, Holstein and Northern Prussia are dotted everywhere with tumuli in which, beside the bones of the ancient Teutonic warriors, are found implements and weapons of unmistakable Eastern origin. In fact many of these relics, which we have personally inspected in the Danish and Swedish museums, bear no slight resemblance to articles of similar use found in the mounds of North America and the ruined mansions of Yucatan and Peru.

When Caesar, pursuing his conquests in Gaul, reached the Rhine, he found the vast territory beyond it peopled by some three-score tribes of different names, local manners and dialects, whose general title Strabo, the historian, gives in the word German, the origin of which we indicate in the first lines of our article. Although the Germans, even of that remote epoch, had a certain fixed civilization, laws and agricultural life, and practised in their sacred Druidical groves a religion that embraced the immortality of the soul, their position as a nationality was undefined, and many centuries elapsed before the ignorance or indifference of the West could peer far enough through the dazzle of the Roman empire to discover beyond it, stretching away to the eastward a mighty race, wondrously endowed with both intellectual and physical power. But a few hundred years have wrought a magical change. The scattered tribes between the Rhine and the Danube have just become transformed into one vast people, still temporarily and slightly divided here and there by a foreign boundary line, but spiritually welded together by common blood, a common language, common glory and common aspiration.

The Germany of to-day comprises a territory of four thousand six hundred miles in circuit in its entire measurement, and an area of two hundred and forty-four thousand square miles, without including the eastern provinces of Prussia not embraced in the old Germanic Confederation, which would swell the total to two hundred and eighty thousand square miles. The population of this vast region is about thirty-eight million souls, which, with the Germans in Austria, variously computed at nine and eleven millions, would make the Germanic race in Central Europe number some forty-seven to forty-nine millions. But this is not the sum total of the family on the older Continent. The Baltic provinces of Russia—viz., Livonia, Estonia, Pomerania and Courland—contains about two million five hundred thousand souls of German kindred, and Alsace and Lorraine, still composing part of France, have two million more. This would increase the aggregate of the Germanic European family to nearly fifty-three million five hundred thousand souls. Adopting the higher numbers, and fully considering the matrimonial, business and social alliances of so active, enterprising and nomadic a race, the result becomes imposing.

But when we have done with the statement of communities recognized as German, we have by no means finished the muster roll of German settlement. In France proper there are fully five hundred thousand, in Italy five hundred thousand, in Spain and Portugal two hundred and fifty thousand, in Turkey, Syria and Egypt two hundred and fifty thousand, in Switzerland two hundred and fifty thousand, in the Scandinavian States, Belgium and Holland five hundred thousand and the British Islands five hundred thousand Germans. But it is in America that the outside German emigration has developed into the grandest proportions. In our own city and in Philadelphia, Milwaukee, Cincinnati and St. Louis whole wards are almost entirely peopled by Germans. In Pennsylvania they are so numerous in some counties that the local laws are

officially printed in German as well as in English, as in several of the Western States they compose almost the majority.

In round numbers the Germanic race and its offshoots in the United States may be estimated at five million souls. Again, they are surprisingly numerous in Mexico and Central America. In Brazil, ever since the enlistment there of the dislodged Germans who had served in the Schleswig-Holstein war, they have retained a firm foothold, and in Buenos Ayres, Columbia, Chili and Peru they own some of the best enterprises and are rapidly increasing. They have recently founded thriving colonies in some of the island groups of the Pacific, and are an influential and growing element in Australia, China and Japan. We feel within bounds, then, in computing the final complete aggregate of the Teutonic stock in all parts of the globe at sixty million souls. This estimate for a race so persevering, so expansive and so notably prolific represents a tremendous power for to-day and for tomorrow; and well may statesmen who can scan with astonishment the overwhelming force that United Germany in Europe has just exhibited in crushing the colossal military empire of France in a six weeks' campaign begin to cast a mighty horoscope for the grand German federation of the future. At this moment we behold the new-born giant with fully half a million stalwart, effective soldiers on the soil of France, of whom three hundred thousand are knocking at the gates of Paris, while at least one hundred and fifty thousand more have been swept aside by death, sickness and wounds. Yet, with all this stupendous mass thrust far into a hostile country, Germany, at home beyond the Rhine, has three hundred thousand more thoroughly drilled and equipped troops, awaiting the word to march, and still two armies of twice that number mustering for the field. Order, tranquility and enthusiasm accompany this amazing display of vital energy, and from land to land, from far up along the Balde to the remote borders of the Adriatic and re-echoing thence throughout all the civilized regions of the earth, is heard this great masculine Teutonic voice mingling with the words of brotherhood and freedom and with its songs of patriotic devotion to Fatherland. It is an imposing revelation of our immediate time, this sudden disclosure of a vast, liberty-loving element all over the world—this recognized presence, in days so lately thought to be degenerate, of “home,” “household,” “country,” “honor,” “freedom,” on the lips of a cosmopolitan race, who unite profound skill, indomitable perseverance and heroic valor to a natural love for peace and all domestic virtues. Let us take heart again who believe in the better destinies of mankind. God has His champions ready for the appointed hour!

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